MICHIGAN.

The Encampment of the Department of the State of Michigan, as already announced, will | Serg't, B. M. Bucklin. be held at Battle Creek to-day and to-morrow, inson, E. Conklin, Samuel H. Holton. Recep- | increasing the number to sixty. tion committee of the citizens of Battle Creek, W. C. Gage, present mayor, chairman, and exmayors, in order of office as follows: A. Nobles, T. W. Hall, E. Hussey, Wm. Wallace, Thomas Hart, N. Eldred, V. P. Collier, Charles Austin, J. L. Whitcomb, C. R. Thompson, E. C. Nichols, George E. Howes. Finance committee, Post 32, John G. Bohnett, E. Ben Fischer, N. J. Kelsey. Committee on rations, Post 32, Guy Newbre, R. W. Surby, J. G. Cleveland, Robert Nevins, J. L. Gregory, William Christy, C. Van Valkenburgh, Perry Mayo, Bert Griswold, Committee on halls and decorations, Post 32, J. P. Russell, L. J. Allen, G. W. Nichols, J. B. Lobdell, J. L. Dolan, O. A. Chapman, J. C. Hickman. Committee on music and ball, Post 32, W. W. Stillson, George W. Marsh, A. A. Beach, W. C. Barden, H. C. Paine.

Brown; O. G., A. Spencer Langdon; Serg't | quarters and the Camp-fire was over. Maj., Albert W. Wagar; Q. M. Serg't, William H. Blanchard; Delegate to Department Encampment, Henry Stoflet; Alternate to Department Encampment, Charles Steflet.

M., L. Crandall; Q. M. S., H. H. McCabe. This | among the boys may be expected. is the second term for Comrade Heckert as Post | Comrade Lee Emrick, Harrisonville, Mo., Commander, his great popularity among the boys resulting in his re-election.

At the last meeting of Post French, No. 28, Big Rapids, Michigan, the following officers large and flourishing one. were installed; Commander, B. F. Brazee; S. V. C., J. P. Schort; J. V. C., Henry Albro; Surgeon, Dr. W. A. Whitney; Chaplain, Thomas Shaw, Sr.; Q. M., A. T. Campan; O. D., D. Alcumbrack; O.G., Ed. Carlan; S. M., M. Morrissey; Q. M. S., W. G. Hill; Delegates to the Department Encampment, Judge Brown and Captain Hughes; Alternates, Captain Bliss and J. P. Schort. This Post started in the latter part of 1881 with twenty charter members, and now musters ninety-eight.

C. J. Dickerson Post, No. 6, Hillsdale, Mich., Com., Frank K. Proeter; S. V. C., A. B. La Fleur; J. V. C., M. W. Taylor; Surg., Dr. A. Walker; O. D. W. W. Weiter; Chaplain, E. P. Walker; O. D. W. W. Weiter; Chaplain, E. P. F. Whelan; Chaplain, B. F. Hutchinson; O. D., Lott; S. M., N. E. Eldred; Q. M. S., B. McCor-Oscar A. Janes; Q. M., George Kinney; O. G., mack; C. B., Wm. McCrary—appointed. The towns in the State desirous of securing the T. Havens; Representative to Department | Post now numbers ninety-five members, and Encampment, A. H. English, and Alternate, O.

Farragut Post, No. 32, Battle Creek, Mich., mustered in at its last meeting twelve recruits, and twenty-one applications will be presented at the next.

INDIANA.

Alois O. Backman Post, Madison, Indiana, installed the following officers last Friday: Commander, C. E. Whitsit; S. V. C., Dr. W. A. McCoy; J. V. C., W. H. Child; Chaplain, E. Pritchard; O. D., J. G. Marshall; O. G., Fred. Binder; Serg't-Maj., W. Todd; Q. M. Serg't, J. Q. M. S., C. A. Wilkins. P. Wells. It has been decided to have a bean

ILLINOIS.

Commander C. A. Carmichael, accompanied by a number of comrades from Kirkwood Post, No. 8, Gladstone, Illinois, went to Oquawka on the 3d inst., and organized Post 172-a new Post-at that place. After its organization the following officers of the new Post were installed: Commander, Miron H. Mills; S. V. C., James R. White; J. V. C., T. C. Allen; Q. M., C. F. W. Schell; Q. M. S., Samuel E. Boswell; Surgeon, general good time became the watchword, fund, Songs were sung, incidents of army life rehearsed and cheers given for the visiting come rades and the ladies of Oquawka. The new Post starts with thirth-three members.

Comrade Wm, Armstrong, Clinton, Ill., writes tertained last night by a couple of lectures S. Prayn; S. M., D. J. Cranston; Q. M. S., P. C. all they can for the saviours of the Union. given by Comrade Miner, of Bioomington, and McCracken. Comrade January, who amoutated his own legs at Andersonville. We also installed our new officers, as follows: Commander, J. Edmontson; S. V. C., O. Wilson; J. V. C., G. Scott; Q. M. J. Vogel; Surg., C. Goodbrake; Chaplain, Wm. Armstrong; Adj't, A. Allyn; Q. D., Wm. Booth;

Barnhill Post, Xenia, Ill., had an inspection and installation on the 6th instant. Comrade J. A. Salisbury, of Olney Post, was the inspecting officer, and the installation was done by Comrade H. H. Kingsbury, also of Olney Post, writes to us under date of Junuary 6th, as fol-The following are the names of the officers in- lows: "Perhaps you would like to hear how we stalled; Commander, T. W. Kepley; S. V. C., are getting along in Leavenworth. We have James M. Dean; Q. M., C. S. Whitman; Chap., worth Post, No. 120; They are in good, live William Dyer; O. D., D. L. Tucker; O. G., S. condition. We held a public installation on York, Pa., spent one week among the wounded Kenady; Adj t, S. Renick. The Post is boom- Tuesday 2d, a. m., and we had a glorious time. and amid scenes of suffering and woe after the ing, with a fair prospect for a large Post.

Comrade George B. Corey, of Post No. 128, Murphysboro, Ill., which, although established only a year ago, now musicus sixty members, | next month a Camp-lire, and the committee | cut the following touching story : writes us that the following officers have been | are hard at work to make it a success." The | One beautiful evening, after a long day's elected: Commander, George B. Corey (re- following are the officers elected and installed hard work, one of my boys came to me and elected); S. V. C., Wm. Richards; J. V. C., in Custer Pest: Commander, Ed. W. Osgood; | said; "There is a 'little chap' out there who Peter Snyder; Adjt., J. Blackburn; Sarg., M. S. V. C., Charles Franke; J. V. C., Ed. Riley; G. Parsons.

WISCONSIN.

The members of W. H. Sargent Post, No. 20, Janesville, Wisconsin, with their families, and the old soldiers and sailors who are not members of the Grand Army, to the number of seven or eight hundred persons, rallied at the Guards' ermery last Thursday evening, for the purpose of listening to the literary entertainment which had been prepared by Sargent Post, the address of Commander-in-Chief Paul Van Dervoort, of Neb., and also to enjoy an army bill of fare-baked beans and hard-tack. After an interesting entertainment, consisting of music and readings, Comrade Van Dervoort delivered an address, in the course of which he related the story of the father who had lost two sons in the war-one on the Union side with the blue uniform, the other on the rebel side, with the gray uniform, and at the close of the war gathered the bones together, placing them in one grave, then creeting a menument over their grave, upon which was engraved, "God knows which was right." After the speaker pictured his experience at Andersonville, he Hayward; J. V. C., J. B. Green; Surgeon, Dr. | visited by Senator P. B. Plumb and other dis- | gently laid the lifeless form down on the hard |

M., C. E. Bowles; O. D., B. H. Baldwin; O. G., speeches, which were enthusiastically received. nameless grave. Poor fellow, what an atom Patrick Delaney: Serg't-Maj., D. Conger; Q. M.

Henry Dillon Post, No. 24, Lone Rock, Wis., Mustering Officer J. M. Whinrey, assisted by and Farraguut Post, No. 32, of that place, who has installed the following officers: Com., A. Comrade J. H. Sowell. After the installation have the honor of entertaining the delegates | P. Clayton; S. V. C., W. W. Runyan; J. V. C., a Camp-fire was lighted, rations discussed and and representatives from the several Posts in | J. M. Bowers; O. D., Joseph Kyman; O. G., E. | a pleasant time passed, with singing and stories the State, have for some time past been making A. J. Burdick; Chaplain, W. A. Garrison; of army life. The repast was at the invitation preparations for the event. At the regular Surg., A. J. Harrison; Adj't, W. T. Hayes; Q. of Comrade Howe, who was thanked in the meeting of the Post, held on the 4th inst., the M., Charles Pierce. The installation was held following resolution: "Resolved, That the committee on rations reported that 1,400 rations in the M. E. Church, which was tastefully thanks of Lyndon Post, No. 19, G. A. R., are and \$341 in cash had been donated up to that | decorated with flowers and evergreens by the | time, and the territory only about half can- ladies in honor of the occasion. After the cere- for his sumptuous repast, and otherwise convassed. The scating capacity at table will be mony, Commander Clayton presented to the tributing to the enjoyment of the occasion." 312. It is announced that Commander-in-Chief | Post a handsome silk banner. The gift was a Paul Van Dervoort and many others from great and pleasant surprise. Comrade Wolf remote sections will be present. This evening responded in behalf of the Post, after which a grand military ball and banquet will be given | three rousing cheers were given for the banner at Stewart Hall. The following are the several and its denor. An adjournment was then had committees: Executive committee, Post 32, J. | to Comrade Hill's hotel, when an oyster supper C. Hall, J. W. Wood, W. H. Mason. Reception | was enjoyed. The Post has now a membercommittee, Post 32, H. H. Hubbard, C. E. Rob- ship of thirty-eight, with a good prospect of Chaplain, D. Hase; O. D., D. Smith; O. G.,

MISSOURI.

The Camp-fires of Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1, St. Louis, Mo., were lighted on the evening of the 8th instant, and a large number of comrades gathered around the genial blaze to listen to speeches and war reminiscences, the occasion being the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, fought in 1845. The foraging committee, under Commissary John Ramberger, supplied no end of palatable rations, and after full justice had been done them the programme commenced. The first toast, "The Day We Wallace Post, No. 25, Flat Rock, Michigan, Missouri who announced himself determined paid a just tribute to Comrade Bowlsby, who was organized on the 9th of last December with | to stand by the Union if the whole State de- | was exemplary, faithful and earnest in his retwenty-seven charter members. Comrade B. | serted, and to the efforts of Generals Blair and | latious with the Grand Army, and touchingly R. Finbayson acted as mustering officer, assisted | Lyon he attributed the fact that Missouri did | set forth; "That as the ties which bind us in by C. G. Hampton and other comrades from | not secode. Then followed, in the order named, | Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty were dear to Fairbanks Post, No. 17, of Detroit. Fifteen or | the toasts: "Our Country and the Flag," | the comrade into whose open grave we have twenty more are waiting to be mustered in at | "Union Volunteers," "The Grand Army of the | just looked, may such devotion arouse in us the next meeting. The following have been Republic," "Those We Left Behind Us," and keener interests in these grand watch words installed as officers for the ensuing year: Com- | "Our Fallen Heroes," responded to respectively | and suggest to each comrade fresh effort to mander, Jacob M. Van Riper; S. V. C., Fer- by Comrades O. P. Goeding, John McNeil, build up the Order he loved, until every vetnando D. Forbes; J. V. C., Edward D. Rogers; David Murphy, Leo Rassicur and F. S. Curtis, cran of the old army and navy shall be mus-Adjutant, Samuel F. Smith; Q. M., Clinton A. The toasts were interspersed by patriotic songs. Chamberlain; Surgeon, Lewis J. Chadderton; After the anthem "America" had been rendered by the Post, standing, the drums beat to the Grand Army of the Republic, which admit only the survivors of that citizen soldiery whose devotion to country was

Officers of A. D. McCook Post, No. 34, Lamar, Mo., were installed on the 5th inst., as follows: Commander, A. Van Meter; S. V. C., Basil D. Hays; J. V. C., Joshua Evilsizer; Q. M., Allen Comrade M. U. Richardson, Paw Paw, Mich., | Cockerell; Surg., T. H. Jones; Chaplain, R. W. writes us that Broadhead Post, No. 31, is flour- McMaster; O. D., Frank Arnold; O. G., Stephen ishing, with ninety-six names on the muster | Cox; Adj't, P. R. Dix. Comrade A. Van Meter roll and more being added. Last Saturday the | writes that the Post was organized September | following officers were installed: Commander, 30, 1882, with twenty-five charter members, have found out this-that whenever we can membered the girl he left behind him. [Ap-Benjamin E. Heckert; S. V. C., K. W. Noyes; The membership is now tifty-six, with seven J. V. C., Josiah Andrews; Q. M., John C. recruits ready for muster and seventeen applibave a recruit for the G. A. R." And he then McLain; Surg., L. C. Woodman; Chaplain, cations upon which action has not yet been cites as an instance the case of Comrade B. John J. Sherman; O. D., O. W. Rowland; O. | taken. The Post will have a Comp-fire February | F. Stitley, a subscriber to The Tribune, who G., C. P. Rawson; Adjt., M. M. Richardson; S. | 22d, when a regular old-fashioned revival | was mustered in at the last meeting of the | The Reigning Sovereigns of the World and their

writes us that a Post has been started at that place with thirty charter members. There is every indication that the Post will become a

Comrade A. Cotton, Pollock, Mo., writes us | The official roster of No. "76" remains, with that, through the influence exerted by The one exception, the same as last year. In con-TRIBUNE, a new Post, called after General Ly- | clusion, Comrade Bivins says: "Our Post-offions, is about to be organized in that section | cers and rank and file - are all wide-awake and with fourteen charter members.

IOWA.

The following officers of Robert Anderson Post, No. 68, Waterloo, Iowa, were installed on the 5th inst., by Comrade E. P. Walker, P. P. C.: Commander, H. E. Merwin; S. V. C., G. W. meeting. Colonel Thrift, of Independence, was present, and complimented the "old soldiers" here on their organization.

the 6th of last December with eleven members, but so rapidly has it grown that forty-one have already been mustered in, and the indications are that it will eventually be among-the most flourishing in the State. The officers City, on October 4th, 1882, is doing well. The C., J. M. Cohran; J. V. C., Joseph Rothrock; and a public installation of officers on the Chap., L. H. Bolton; Q. M., John Somerville; 27th inst. The officers elected at the annual Green; Q. M., J. W. Senior; Adjutant, S. W. O. D., Mark Whitman; O. G., Richard Timmons; election were: Commander, J. D. Malthie; S. Adj't, J. C. Frederick; S. M., J. H. Thomson; V. C., T. J. Coffee; J. V. C., Edward Arnold;

> ship of twenty-two. The following officers | Sayer. were elected: Commander, F. J. Ochiltree; S. V. C., M. H. Cochran; J. V. C., Joseph Higbee; Q. M., John L. Marshall; Surg., J. A. Swan; O. D., G. D. Huffman; Chap., Rev. G. Nulton; O. G., Frank P. Paisley; Adj't, William Cope-

Comrade J. L. Matthews, Wellman, Iowa, writes that the following bave been elected officers of Ed. Hamlin Post, No. 112: Com-Joseph J. Delabar; Chaplain, William Woods; | mander, J. A. Riggen; S. V. C., J. L. Matthews; | done for the boys, and will back you up so far O. D., James O. Anderson; O. G., George W. J. V. C., E. Bradford; O. D., J. K. Sanders; Beaty. The Commander-elect appointed G. F. O. G., A. Lindsay; Adj't, E. N. Foster; Q. M. W. Froehlich Adjutant and Alexander M. J. W. Gemmill. On the 18th instant this Post Smith Sergeant-Major. After the ceremonies a will give a festival for the benefit of the relief though but five months old, has twenty-eight

Eldon Post, Eldon, Iewa, will give a grand ball to-morrow night at the City Hotel, Good music, a good supper and plenty of dancing will make the event an enjoyable one. A number are expected from neighboring towns, and among them the comrades of Agency Post.

KANSAS.

Comrade Charles Franke, Leavenworth, Kan., W. L. Beard; J. V. C., A. Mchadre; Surg., two Posts-Custer Post, No. 6, and Leavenmen present, and many old war stories were | lections of the sorrowful incidents of this week, told." Our Post will have on the first Friday of | which she furnishes the Philadelphia Times, we Barnett; O. G., Fred Marchetsky; Adj't, Wm. M. Leeper.

Comrade J. W. Martin, Florence, Kan., writes is that Pollock Post, No. 42, of that place, held were loaded down with delicacies provided by the patriotic ladies of that place, of whom our again to hear her sweet words of love! He Irishman who was telling his wife about his so long. He was not disfigured by wounds, but children inquired if they were not corporals, too, and his wife responded: "No, indade; none he had not vitality to resist the sharp attack of o' yez are corporals, savin' your father and me." installed for the ensuing year: Commander, I could do for him. "Oh, I want my mother!" J. V. C., Fred Lewis; O. D., J. A. Hickman; O. G., W. C. Hill; Q. M., W. E. Nesbitt; Surg., face to me, saying, "I am so tired," laid his C. A. Flippir; Chap, B. N. Wanders. The Rev. head against me and appeared to sleep. The Mr. Mitchell made an interesting address on last rays of the sun touched the levely features the mission of the Grand Army.

Comrade D. E. Griswold, Topeka, Kansas, vanished in the gathering darkness. Silence, writes us that the Order is flourishing in that | unbroken save by the plaintive mean of some gave his hearers to understand that he did not | city. There are two Posts: No. 1, with 200 | poor victim, succeeded the hum of the busy day. honor treason very much-not even enough to members, and No. 71, with about seventy. On The pitying dews shed a balm upon his brow. strew flowers on the graves of the rebel dead. | Christmas, No. 1, to which Comrade Griswold | Fainter and fainter grew the breath and more The speaker was heartily and enthusiastically | belongs, had a jolly old Camp-fire, with speeches | feeble the clasp of the little hand, when sudapplauded. At the conclusion of the pro- toasts, court-martials, bean-soup and hot coffee. denly rousing he opened his eyes, glazed in gramme the tables were spread and the entire | A surprise awaited the Post on the 3d inst., | death, and looking long and earnestly in my party partook of beans, hard-tack, and coffee, when the ladies went into secret session and | face, said: "Kiss me, lady, before I die! installed, as follows, Adjutant F. E. Brown, of sented No. 1 with a beautiful silk flag, purthe Department Headquarters, (of Omaha,) chased by the wives of the comrades. At the acting as installing officer: Commander, S. C. Last meeting, January 6th, ex-Governer J. B. Lids and slept away his brief life as peacefully cased by the wives of the comrades. At the lids and slept away his brief life as peacefully as a child goes to sleep in his mother's arms. I

Officers of Lyndon Post, No. 19, Lyndon, Kansas, were installed on the 8th inst., by hereby tendered to Commander J. H. Howe,

Comrade J. B. Jacobs, Olathe, Kau., writes us that Franklin Post, No. 68, organized late last year, has now a membership of eighty-five, with several waiting to muster. The annual election resulted as follows: Commander, Comrade Clark; S. V. C., Robert Edgington; J. V. C., George Stevenson; Q. M., R. E. Stevenson; Comrade Lenderman; Surg., B. Woodward; Adj't, Comrade Lovel.

Mulligan Post, No. 91, Longton, Kan., has rally once again!' installed the following officers for this year: Chaplain, J. H. Price; O. D., A. Boughman; O. | seized the falling flag, and, in accents which G., James Smith; Q. M., L. A. Cox. The Post | rang out clear and distinct above the roar of is thirty-five strong.

NEBRASKA.

J. A. Mower Post, No. 59, Nebraska, recently passed a series of resolutions on the death of Celebrate," was responded to by Judge Amos Comrade S, Bowlsby-the first comrade in the M. Thayer. The tonst "Gen. Frank P. Blair" | Post mustered out of life's service. The fuuevoked a warm response from Comrade E. M. eral services, conducted by the Post, took Joel. He referred to Gen. Blair as the man in place on New Year's Day. The resolutions attested by a heroism that was patriotic and a patriotism that was heroic." They close by instructing the adjutant to furnish copies to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE and the papers of

secure a reader for The Tribune we soon plause."] Post. On the 19th of last December the Post had a memorable Camp-fire and bean supper, the country and holding Camp-fires at schoolhouses in localities where old soldiers live. keenly alive to the importance of increasing our membership, and consequently are interested in extending the circulation of THE TRIBUNE-the soldier's own paper."

The sixth annual Encampment of the Department of Nebraska, G. A. R., will convene in Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 20th and continue in session two days. The Council of Administration will meet at the same place on February 19th. Sealed proposals will be received at S. J. Alexander's headquarters in Lincoln, until February 20th from cities and location of the next soldiers' Reanion to be ten applications for muster-in were read at the | held this year under the auspices of the Department of the G. A. R. of Nebraska, at such time as shall hereafter be designated. The tract of land required will be not less than 160 A Post was established at Manson, Iowa, on | acres and with a water supply sufficient for 30,000 persons daily.

Comrade A. G. Kingsbury, Ponca, Nebraska, writes that Stoneman Post, organized by Asfor 1883 are: Commander, T. C. Gregg; S. V. Post will have an oyster supper and Camp-fire, Q. M., Elijah Beller; Chap., Samuel Gamble there on December 22, 1882, with a member- ment Encampment, L. W. Herring and H.

Comrade W. H. Gregston, Adjulant of Canby Post, No. 8, St. Paul, Neb., writes us that the | press Eugenie, whose name is still recorded in following officers were installed on the 6th inst.: Commander, J. A. Force; S. V. C., E. O. G., Frank P. Paisley; Adj't, William Copeland; S. M., B. F. Graham; Q. M. S., I. N. Nabb; Surg., H. L. Harris; O. D., W. H. Norton; O. G., S. A. Cheever; Chap., B. F. Adams; S. M., W. H. Kendall; Adjt., W. H. Gregston, The latter sends five new subscribers, and says: "We thank you for what you have already as we can, and we can do things on a large scale here in Nebraska when we commence.'

Wyman Post, No. 101, Firth, Nebraska, members and is recruiting all the old soldiers The following officers were installed at a | in the vicinity. Last Tuesday a public instalregular meeting of M. B. Howard Post, No. 02, lation of officers for the present year took at Dewitt, Iowa, on January 9, 1883; Comman- | place, when all who attended were treated to a ter, D. G. Butterfield; S.V. C., Chas. Robinson; | pork and bean dinner, sandwiched with hard-J. V. C., E. A. Miller; Q. M., J. T. Waters; O. | tack and coffee-old style. A grand military ball us as follows: I send you another subscriber to D., C. W. Byrnes; O. G., Wm. A. Lathem; wound up the festivities. The citizens of Firth be credited to our Post, No. 157. We were on- Surg., A. W. Morgan; Chaplain, D. Nicol; Adj't, take a great interest in Wyman Post, and do

CALIFORNIA.

Comrade W. C. Roberts, Los Angeles, Cal. writes us that Frank Bartlett Post, No. 6, recently gave a concert which realized \$275. This amount was devoted to the purchase of The proceeds will be devoted to the relief fund. | twenty-four burial lots in the Los Angeles Cemetery. The Post, which is 116 strong and in a flourishing condition, installed its officers . Jan. on the first of the year.

KISS ME LADY.

A Touching Reminiscence of the Battle of Gettysburg.

Mrs. Mary C. Fisher, wife of Judge Fisher, of There were a large number of ladies and gentle- battle of Gettysburg. From a column of recol-

heard there was a woman from his home, and Q. M., Henry Oderfield; Surg., Joseph T., he wants to see you." I found him at the fur-Wever; Chaplain, O. R. McNary; O. D., H. F. Glest extremity of the hospital, with a half dozen other hopeless cases. He was a lovely boy, scarcely more than a child, who had run every from his home in Providence, R. L. to joint the "drum corps," He was a brave boy and a great pet among the soldiers, who nursed a very interesting hanquet and Camp-fire at him as tenderly as possible, but could poorly Richard's Hall on the 30th ult. The tables | supply a mother's loving care. How he longed for one more look of her dear face and once correspondent remarks, "they are veterans, was so frail and slight it was a marvel how he too," and cites in proof of it the story of the could have endured the fatigue and privation promotion to the rank of corporal, when his constant marches, insufficient food and often sleepless nights had exhausted his strength, and After the banquet the following officers were weak to say much. I asked the poor child what fever. He was perfectly conscious, but too Hon, Frank Dostar; S. V. C., J. W. Martin; I sat down on the ground and taking him in of the dying boy. The long-drawn shadows

J. B. Whiting; Chaplain, S. C. Burnham; Q. tinguished comrades, several of whom made earth and left him to a soldier's burial and a Jan. 24. Skirmish at Woodbury, Palmer's divishe seemed to be in all that mass of wretched suffering. Dying humanity! Yet he was all the world to the heart of that mother, who wept and prayed for her darling's safe return to the distant home that never again would echo his boyish step or ringing laugh.

THE PRIVATE SOLDIER. A Touching Tribute to his Gallantry and Self-Sacrifice.

umns of the Christmas Camp-fire of John M. of the speakers on that occasion was Comrade J. M. Dumenil, who, in response to the toast, tribute to the virtues of the private soldier: "There is not a battlefield that does not testify to the bravery and patriotism of the

wounds received in front of Vicksburg, that with his last breath exclaimed, 'Rally, boys!

Commander, D.W. Jackson; S.V. C., J. C. Piney; seventh Ohio who, at the battle of Mission J. V. C., C. White; Adj't, C. H. Miller; Ridge, when the color-bearer was shot down, the battle, called out, 'To the top of the mountain, boys!' And the 'boys' catching the spirit of the act, pressed up the mountain amid the shower of 'shot and shell' until the flag waved in triumph on its highest peak. [Ap-

> "It was Francis Sweetzer, a private of the Sixteenth Massachusetts, who, as he was dying under the hospital tree at the battle of Fair Oaks, said, 'Thank God that I am permitted to

> "We might mention many personal instances of the oravery of the 'private soldier,' but it is unnecessary. If we but look around us we have the evidence of their bravery in the many homes in which the 'private soldier' is mourned. "How often did the fate of the army depend upon the vigilance of the private on the lonely vidette, after a hard day's march through the rain and mad, while the officer, feeling perfeetly secure in the faithfulness of the private,

sought his rest and repose. "How oft' was the private startled as he tramped to and fro upon his lonely beat by what he at first supposed to be a report from an enemy's gun, but which investigation showed was only the uncorking of the champagne bot-

That was not a private who made love to the fair Southern girl, Sallie Gray, upon the Comrade James Bivins, Exeter, Nebraska, Rappahannock, while her rebel husband was writes us that Post 76 is still booming, and | hid in the cellar telegraphing to the enemy this he attributes in a large measure to the the number and position of our soldiers. O. no! influence of THE TRIBUNE. He says: "We He was an officer! The 'private soldier' re-

Ages.

[From the Almanac de Gotha.] upon which occasion, though the weather was | The following list includes all the reigning unpropitious, the hall was crowded. The Post | sovereigns of the European world, with their is adopting new tactics; i. e., going out into | ages and the date when each began to reign:

Ac	eession
Dom Pedro II, Brazil	ISSI
William, Brunswick	1831
Victoria, Great Britain,	
Frederich Franz II, Schwerin	
Ernest II. Saxe-Coburg	
George, Waldeck	
Francis Joseph I, Austria	1848
William III, the Netherlands	1849
Frederick, Baden	
Peter, Oldenburg	
Charles Alexander, Saxe-Weimar	1853
Ernest, Saxe-Altenburg,	1853
Charles III, Monaco	1856
John H, Leichtenstein	1858
Heinrich XXII, Reup Greiz	1859
Nicholas, Montenegro	
Frederick William, Strelitz	1860
Adolph, Schaamburg	1860.
William I. Prussia	
Louis I, Portugal	TS61
George I, Greece	1863
Christian IX. Denmark	
Louis II, Bayaria	1864
Charles I, Wurtemberg	
Leopold II, Belgium	
Charles, Rumania	1866
George II, Saxe-Meiningen,	1866
Henry XIV, Reuss Schleiz,	
Milan I Servia	1868
George, Schwarzburg-Rudolphstadt	1569
William, Germany	1871
Friedrich, Auhalt	1871
Osmr II, Sweden	
Albert, Saxony	1873
Alfonso XII, Spain	1874
Weldemar, Lippe-Detmold	1875
Abdul Hamid, Turkey	1876
Ludwig iV, Hesse	1877
Humbert I, Italy,	
Leo XIII, Pope	
Cline, Schwarzburg-Sonderhaussen	1880
Alexander III, Russia	1881
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burg have both reached sixty, while the ex-Em- | treatment for said disability during service. the place of honor in the calendar, is 56. The Queen of Saxony is 49, the Empress of Austria 45, the Queen of the Belgians 46, the Queen of Sweden 46, Queen Margaret of Italy is 52, the Empress of Russia 35 and the Queen of Portugal 35, while the three youngest are the Queen of the Queen of Servia 23.

An American Cantatrice's Engagements. recently in Milan (where she received warm also received overtures to sing in Spain and in Germany during the spring season, but will

Artitlery, of Fort Jefferson, Fla. speech in Congress.

cizure of U.S. property at New Orleans, La.

28. Confederate setzure of Fort Macomb, 30. North Carolina submitted question of secession to a vote of the people. 30. Ex-Secretary Floyd indicted by a Grand Jury for malfeasance and conspiracy,

30. U. S. revenue entters "Cass" and "Meto the Louisiana authorities. 1862. Jan. 10-21. Expedition into Kentucky from Calro,

" 12-23. Expedition to Logan Court-House and the Guyandotte Valley by Thirty-Seventh Ohio volunteer infantry.

** 15-17. Expedition to Bloomfield, Mo., by Company H, Seventh Illinois cavalry, and Murdock's Company, Missouri State " 15-17. Expedition by Seventh Illinois cavalry 19. Engagement at Mill Springs, Ky., be-tween Union troops under General George H. Thomas and Confederate

tenden. 20. Operations by First Missouri cavalry around Atchison, Kan. 22. Shi unish at Knobmoster, Mo., by Second Missouri cavalry

mington Narrows, by Fourth New Hampshire infantry, Sixth Connecti-cut Infantry and Twenty-Seventh Pennsylvania infantry.

29. Affair a: Lee's house, on the Occoquan,

29. Expedition to Blue Springs, Mo., by Seventh Missouri infantry. 1863. 19. Affair at Burnt Ordinary, Va., by Penn-

Mention has already been made in these col-Barrere Post, No. 205, of Hillsboro, Ohio. One The Private," paid the following glowing 'private soldier.'

"It was a 'private soldier,' dying from

"It was Joe Emerson, a private of the Ninety-

die for my country.'

the in the officer's tent. [Applause.]

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eter, Oldenburg 1853	
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Miss Ida Morena, the new Baltimore cantatrice, has been engaged at the Royal Theatre Avvalorati in Leghorn for a series of special given during the coming carnival season. The impressario, Signor Gonzala, heard her sing commendations from Fano, Lamperti, Bonola. Ronconi and other musical authorities), and immediately secured her for his theatre. "If I get her," he remarked, "I shall have a singer | cept the soldier's discharge certificate or similar who will be a second Patti." Miss Morena has probably prefer to remain in Italy for the standing.

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21. Alabama Members of Congress resign.

26. Secession Ordinance passed by Louisiana Convention, 113 to 17. 28. Texas State Convention met at Austin,

Clelland 'surrendered by their commanders, Morrison and Breshwood,

15-17. Expedition by Seventh Illinois envairy, Campbell's battery and detachment of Seventeeth Illinois infantry to Ben-

troops under General George B. Crit-

22. Occupation of Lebanon, Mo., by Fremont's cavalry. 26-28. Expedition to Warsaw Sound and Wil-

Va., by Twenty-Seventh New York infantry and First New Jersey cav- the Pension Office.

sylvania cavalry. 23. Affair at Fish Springs, Tenn.

ion, Twenty-First Corps.

25. Confederate attack on construction train, near Murfreesboro', Tenn., by Tenth Michigan and train guard.

26. Affair at Township, Fla., by U. S. Colored troops. 26. Skirmish at Bear River, W. T., by Second California cavairy and Third

California infantry.

27. Affair at Indian Village, La., by First Louisiana cavalry. 29. Pinos Altos, Arizona, by First Califorma infantry. 30. Affair at Deversburg, Tenn., by Twenty-

Second Ohio volunteer infantry, 30. Skirmish at Deserted House, near Suffolk, Va., by General Corcoran and 31. Skirmish at Rives, Tenn., by Fourth

Ohio eavairy.
31. Skirmish at Middleton, Tenn., by Second and Third Tennessee cavalry. 31. Naval engagement off Charleston Bar, S. C., by U. S. steamers Mercedita, Keystone State, Augusta, Quaker City, Housutonie and Memphis-Rear Admiral Dupont. 1864.

Jan. 19. Affair at Branchville, Ark., by Fifth Kansas cavairy. Island No. 76, Mississippi river, Battery E, Second U, S, Colored artillery. Skirmish at Tracy City, Tenn., by Twentieth Connecticut infantry.
 Skirmish near Dalton, Ga., by Twenty-

Eighth Kentucky mounted infantry and Fourth Michigan cavalry. Affair at Armstrong Ferry, Tenn.
 Skirmish at Rolling Prarie, Ark., by Eleventh Missouri cavalry. 24. Skirmish at Baker Springs, Ark., by Second and Sixth Kansas cavalry.

24. Engagement at Tazewell, Tenn., by Thirty-Fourth Kentucky, One Hundred and Sixteenth and One Hundred and Eighteenth Indiana, Eleventh Tennessee cavalry and Eleventh Michigan battery. 25. Skirmish at Athens, Ala.

Skirmish at Florence, Aia., by troops commanded by Colonel A. O. Miller, Seventy-Second Indiana. Attack on train of A. and O. R. R., Va. Engagement at Fair Garden, East Tenn., by Cavalry division, Army of the Ohio, and McCook's division,

Army of the Cumberland, commanded by General S. D. Storgis. 27. Affair at Scott's Mills road, Tenn., by Thirteenth Kentucky and Twenty-Third Michigan.

28. Reconnaissance of Fourteenth Army
Corps to Tunnell Hill, Ga.

28. Skirmish at Oregon mountains, by First

California cavalry. 29. Skirmish at Comberland Gap, Tenn. Engagement with Indians at Canon de Chelly, by troops under Kit Carson. 1865.

Jan. 19. Half Moon battery, Sugar Loaf Hill, N.

C., by Zwenty-Fourth and Twenty-

24. Action at Fort Brady, Va., by U.S. Colored troops and heavy artillery, Army of the James. Engagement at Combahee river, S. C. by General O. O. Howard with Fifteeth and Seventeenth Corps.

25. Skirmish at Powhatan, Va., by First U. S. Colored cavalry. 26. Affair at Simpsonville, Ky., by Fifth U. S. Colored cayalry. Jan. 29 to Feb. 11. Expedition into Western North Carolina, by Third Army Corps.

Answers to Correspondents.

Child of James B., Fall River, Mass.-You are entitled, and if you will give us your full name

and address we will help you in the matter.

W. Y. C., Sneedville, Tenn.-He can make application for re-rating at any time within a year from date when claim was adjudicated. Such claims, however, are allowed in cases where manifest error has occurred only. We cannot advise you to apply unless you have strong reasons for doing so and can furnish positive evidence to demonstrate the fact that you were rated too low for certain periods. Consult a reliable attorney in regard to the

J. S., Chicago, Ill.-1. The fact that soldier contracted disability in first service, was discharged, re-enlisted in another company or regiment, and was again discharged, does not prevent his obtaining pension for such disability. There are many such cases. The pension when allowed dates from first discharge, deducting from his pension money the entire period of his second service, as he was not entitled to pension while serving as a soldier. 2. Yes. A communication from Pension Office dated June 30, 1880, that such claim had been received, &c., is evidence sufficient to show that claim was filed in time to draw arrears. 3. At any time, as all claims are being acted upon. See reply to R. S. in our last issue. 4. It would depend entirely upon what the record shows you that the record shows you the record shows you that the reco what the record shows you treated for, and the rature of the disability for which pension is cia med. If the latter is of such a nature that it would be apparent to other than r physician, (disease of eyes, or deafness, or varicose veins may for instance,) and you can or have furnished Comrade William Copeland, Morning Sun. O. D., D. Lanpher; Adjt., A. G. Kingsbury; O. interest lady readers. The Empress Augusta | the testimony mentioned, we are quite sure Iowa, writes that a new Post was organized | G., J. N. Armstrong; and Delegates to Depart- of Germany is 71, the Queen of Denmark 65, that the testimony of regimental surgeon will and Queen Victoria of England 63. The Em- not be insisted upon. The other testimony press of Brazil and Queen Olga of Wurtem- | will establish the fact of existence of and

> Old Soldier, Gallipolis, Ohio.-We cannot state the number of appointments in the various Departments of the Government during the past two years, nor what percentage of such appointments were soldiers. To answer your scribers. inquiry would involve more time than we have the Netherlands 24, the Queen of Spain 24 and at our disposal, and there are no statistics covering the question. We are sorry to say that the percentage of soldiers appointed was not as great as it should have ceen. Neither can we tell why Congress does not extend the arrears act so as to include all claimants. No reasonable person doubts the justice of such | lettersrepresentations of Lucia di Lammermoor, to be a measure, and it is one of the principles that THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE is fighting for.

F. C. L., Spring Hill, Kansas, and Mrs. H. C. D., St. Louis.-We cannot examine the papers on file in your claim, as the Pension Office does not sanction such a practice. Papers once filed in a pension claim cannot be withdrawn (expersonal property). We would willingly assist you, but for reasons given it is impossible. The attorney mentioned is, we believe, in good

P. H. W.-See reply to W. Y. C., this column, and to F. C., last issue. Widows who re-married prior to July 1, 1880, cannot now be pensioned up to the date of re-marriage, because the limitation of the Arrears Act cuts them off. Had the widow applied prior to July 20, Occupation by Company C, Second U. 1, 1880, she would have been entitled. As 'all claims (except minor's and insane persons') filed since June 30, 1880, date only 21. Jeff. Davis took leave of the U. S. Sen- from date of filing claim the widow has 22. Hon. Sherrard Clemens made a Union | no title to arrears. If a soldier applied for claim and dies, and the widow applies, if both 23. Georgia Members of Congress resigned. | claims were filed prior to July 1, 1880, the pen-21. Rhode Island Legislature repeated the Sion, if allowed, would date back to discharge 24. Confederate seizure of U. S. Arsenal at of soldier. If he never : pplied, her pension would commence from date of death of soldier

Old Soldier, Towanda.-If your claim on new disability was filed prior to July I, 1880, you are entitled to arrears. If otherwise, you can only draw from date claim was filed. If you cannot furnish medical testimony, that of neighbors will probably be accepted. If there is no record of your disease, you will have to furnish some testimony showing origin of same in service. Pensions are not granted on statements of claimants alone. It is too early in the session to predict the fate of the bill mentioned. THE TRIBUNE will keep you fully posted in regard to the matter.

Excelsior, Auburn, N. Y.—The "Special Examiner" referred to is a clerk of the Pension Office, specially detailed to examine your claim, and, perhaps, those of others in your neighborhood. He will visi, you in person, also your witnesses, and question you or them in regard to any facts that do not appear in the testimony on file in your claim, or that may not be considered sufficiently explicit. It does not HANDSOMELY BOUND! follow because your claim is to be "investigated" that the Pension Office thinks it a fraud." It may be that your testimony is desires to satisfy itself that your claim is what you say it is-"a just one." You will have no rouble, we anticipate. Simply give the Special Examiner all the information he asks of you. also a list of your witnesses, and when he is privilege of being present, either in person or which has thereby secured entire control of the by attorney, and hear the testimony for or sale of the book. against you, and cross-examine the witnesses if you so desire. We should advise you to attend the examination, and you will then know all about it. We cannot inform you in regard to any reports that have been made against you. as such matters are considered confidential by

* Remaining answers next week.

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